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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to  
3 recognize the Illinois Association of REALTORS for its  
4 commitment to proudly representing the real estate industry in  
5 the State of Illinois for 100 years; and

6           WHEREAS, The mission of the Illinois Association of  
7 REALTORS is to be the premier real estate advocate for the  
8 public, its members, and the communities they serve; and

9           WHEREAS, In its 100-year history, the Illinois Association  
10 of REALTORS has become known as the "Voice for Real Estate" and  
11 it takes pride in advocating for the protection of private  
12 property rights and in helping families realize the American  
13 Dream of homeownership; and

14           WHEREAS, The Illinois Association of REALTORS achieves its  
15 mission by educating its members and by advocating on issues at  
16 the State and local level of government; and

17           WHEREAS, On April 25, 1916, the Articles of Incorporation  
18 were signed creating the Real Estate Association of Illinois;  
19 and

20           WHEREAS, Since its incorporation, the Illinois Association

1 of REALTORS, has been watchful over the issues of property  
2 taxes, tax reform, and fees that impact the transfer of real  
3 estate; and

4 WHEREAS, The Illinois Association of REALTORS achieved its  
5 primary goal of securing the first Illinois real estate license  
6 law in 1922; amended many times over the following years, it  
7 established standards for the real estate profession; and

8 WHEREAS, The Illinois Association of REALTORS partners  
9 with the Regional Economic Applications Laboratory (REAL) at  
10 the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to provide  
11 essential housing reports and market forecasts to Illinois  
12 media; it also researches the positive economic impact of home  
13 sales across many sectors of the Illinois economy; and

14 WHEREAS, The Illinois Association of REALTORS engages  
15 directly with consumers on local advocacy issues through the  
16 Real Property Alliance; and

17 WHEREAS, The Illinois Association of REALTORS Relief  
18 Foundation has provided needed assistance to hard hit  
19 communities, donating more than \$575,000 toward disaster  
20 relief since 1997; teams of Illinois realtors, alongside  
21 Habitat for Humanity, have assisted in rebuilding efforts  
22 throughout the United States; and

1           WHEREAS, The Illinois Association of REALTORS opened a  
2 newly constructed headquarters building in the downtown  
3 Springfield historic district in 2007 and has been a supporter  
4 of the Springfield community as a sponsor of the Kidzeum's  
5 Green Home Construction Exhibit and a founding supporter of the  
6 Governor's Mansion Restoration Project; therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the  
9 Illinois Association of REALTORS, its members, and its staff  
10 during its 100th anniversary celebration in recognition of  
11 their advocacy on issues important to all matters related to  
12 real estate and private property rights; and be it further

13           RESOLVED, That we designate April 25, 2016 as "Illinois  
14 REALTORS Day" in the State of Illinois; and be it further

15           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
16 presented to the Illinois Association of REALTORS and all local  
17 realtors associations throughout the State of Illinois.